

CLARK WOULD BATTLE FOR TARIFF CUT

High Rates on Luxuries, Lowest or None on Necessities, His Doctrine

In an open letter addressed to the Hearst papers on the mainland Champ Clark, speaker of the house of representatives, has reiterated his belief that the Democratic party must live up to the spirit and letter of its promise made in the Baltimore platform, and fight for a "tariff for revenue purposes only." The letter is printed in the San Francisco Examiner of November 25 and reads as follows:

Washington, November 22.—To the Editor of "The Examiner":—Answering the far-reaching inquiry of the Hearst newspapers touching the duty of the party to the people in reducing the tariff, I will say that, while I have no disposition to thrust my views on any subject upon the public, it is my individual opinion and settled conviction that promises, made to win an election, should be religiously carried out after the election is won. Men should say what they mean and mean what they say, and they should speak the plain language of the plain people, so that all may understand. The voters of the land have a right to be treated honestly, candidly, fairly and courteously. They are entitled to

GROUCHES AMONG SUPERVISORS ARE SIMPLY RAMPANT

Personal feelings are running pretty high in the board of supervisors these stormy days. McClellan appears to be the only member of the board not engaged in recalling past glories and looking forward with gloomy foreboding to the first of the year when the Democrats will take their turn at city government. This attitude was evident in the manner in which the board took up the various matters that came before it last Wednesday night. Plumbing Inspector Miehlestein came in for a share of the rasper temper of the city fathers, when the report of the cave-in of a cesspool at the Wai-aiua school was read. Supervisor Murray was the mouthpiece of the disgruntled members, and he flayed the inspector good and plenty. It seems that feeling that something had to be done at once, the inspector had outrageously exceeded his authority and the limit of appropriations in repairing the broken cesspool, fixing a flagpole that was in a dangerous condition at the Kaulani school, repairing the plumbing at the Royal school and increasing the supply of water at the Wallapo school. In all these was an overdraft of \$1000, and Murray waxed exact and virtuous over it—about 15 minutes' worth.

This eased the minds of the grouches on the board to such an extent that they were willing the good people of Kaimuki should use the assembly rooms of the new Lillooalalani school, although they took a good deal of talk and not a little "objecting" just as an antidote against a possible flux of good nature, and warned the "g. p." against spitting on the floor or leaving their chews of tobacco and cigarette stubs on the seats of the hall after the meeting was over.

Deputy County Attorney Milverton presented his new plumbing ordinance which was passed up to the health committee for action.

The new ordinance calls for the creation of a board of plumbing examiners recommended by both the plumbing inspector and the county attorney. The creation of this board will so alter the original plumbing ordinance that with the proposed amendments it was found better to frame an entirely new ordinance and discard the older one. The work of the plumbing examiners will be to pass upon the qualifications of all persons desiring to do plumbing work or engage in the business of plumbing.

The board, much against the will of several members, finally decided to pay the election inspectors, and passed a bill authorizing the county clerk to pay about \$600 for that purpose.



CHAMP CLARK Speaker of the House, who says his party must live up to tariff revision pledges.

that square deal, of which we hear so much and see so little.

The Baltimore platform, the latest authoritative Democratic pronouncement on the subject of the tariff, declares in favor of a tariff for revenue only. So let it be. That was the Democratic war cry all through the campaign and all along the line. If the men who made that platform did not intend to revise the tariff to a revenue basis or as close an approximation thereto as possible, they ought not to have so written it.

Robert J. Walker's report on the tariff remains to this day the greatest paper on that subject. In it he laid down this general principle: The highest rates should be luxuries; the lowest or none at all on necessities of life. That should be the basis of our revision of the tariff, to which we are solemnly committed.

The rates should be arranged so as to produce the maximum of revenue, while taking from the ultimate consumers the minimum of money in the shape of tariff taxes. That statement may appear paradoxical, but what it proposes is perfectly feasible.

There is a maximum revenue-producing tariff rate on each particular item which can be ascertained and which should be ascertained. The moment the rate on any article goes above the maximum revenue-producing rate, the revenue dwindles, until it disappears entirely, and the rate becomes prohibitive. Such is the case with blankets nine feet long, worth not over 40 cents a pound, on article of prime necessity, on which the compound specific and ad valorem tariff rates, when reduced to ad valorem, amount to a tariff tax of between 165 and 182 1/2 per cent.

Without going into wearisome details, it is safe to say that three-fourths of all the tariff rates on the Payne-Aldrich-Smoot tariff bill are above the maximum revenue-producing rates and should be reduced at least to a competitive point.

The truth is that the words "a competitive tariff," are more easily understood than the words "a tariff for revenue only." "A competitive tariff" is one which would give Americans the American market so long as they sell for fair prices, but would let in foreign products if Americans undertake to gouge Americans. "A competitive tariff" would, in practice, be "a tariff for revenue." The revenue can be increased more frequently by reducing rates than by increasing them.

The present tariff, if thoroughly overhauled, could be made to produce a great deal more revenue and, at the same time, not cost the taxpayers one-fourth of what they now pay, for, under the present system, where one dollar goes into the Federal treasury, four or five dollars go into the pockets of the tariff barons.

The Kona and Kau liner Mauna Loa was an early arrival at the port this morning.

ALL READY FOR RED CROSS CAMPAIGN

Four hundred thousand Santa Clauses not on the passenger list are believed to have arrived this morning on the steamer Nile, printed on the red cross stamps of the American Red Cross Society, the sale of which next week will create the extension fund of the Anti-Tuberculosis League. The stamps "fell due" today and James A. Rath, head-worker of the Palama Settlement, who is distributing agent in Hawaii, early marshaled his hosts of Palama boys and girls and will soon have the sheets cut up into little packages which will be offered at "two-bits or four," or even a dollar, when the ladies of the College Club commence their rounds.

The College Club has appointed ten committees which have duly organized, but have not announced their personnel yet and probably will not for several days. At present they are standing under arms waiting for their ammunition. The plan of campaign decided on has been a simple one and extremely complete.

Particular attention is to be paid to the business district of the city and the College Club ladies have announced their intention of putting a Red Cross stamp on every "Dear Sir," or "We beg to advise" that leaves in the correspondence of Honolulu merchants. The entire city, however, will be divided into districts and a committee will take charge of each district. The invasion begins promptly at all points Monday morning.

FREAR TALKS CHARTER CHANGE

The question of charter revision for Honolulu is under discussion at a representative conference in Governor Frear's chambers. The president of each of the city's three commercial organizations, the chairmen of the Republican and Democratic territorial committees and the presidents of the Civic Federation and the Men's League have been asked to attend, and the subject is to be handled impartially, the only object in view being the improvement of the municipal government system.

It is preliminary in nature, the method of procedure being argued, and other conferences of the same officials are likely to follow, until a definite working plan is evolved.

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GRAND THANKSGIVING FOR STAR-BULLETIN NEWSBOYS

Car Ride, Big Dinner, Swim, Moving Pictures, Games and Great Noise

It was by all odds the biggest and the best Thanksgiving the newsboys of Honolulu have ever had. There were more boys. They had more things to eat. Some claim they made more noise. They had a longer ride. They saw more moving pictures. They were the trestled and the happiest newsboys you could imagine at the end of the day.

The celebration of Thanksgiving by the newsboys of the Honolulu Star-Bulletin began with the early morning when the youngsters assembled at the Star-Bulletin office in Alakea street. One hundred and fifty was the count, including the carriers and the mail room force, which is always reckoned in with the Thanksgiving celebration.

First on the program was the distribution of the Thanksgiving badges. In order that none of the bad boys of the street should pass themselves off as quiet Star-Bulletin newsboys, each of the newsies was given a ticket which designated him as a "Star-Bulletin newsboy, Thanksgiving, 1912." After that was the distribution of tin horns, and small American flags.

an automobile driven by Al Jungelaus brought out the Thanksgiving dinner—the turkey with the fixin's and the ice cream and cake. About 1 o'clock the boys were ready for the dinner and the Palm Cafe staff were ready for them. The dinner consisted of turkey and vegetables, lots of it, muffins, pie, fruit, soda water—without limit—ice cream, cake and finally on the third and last course, a big box of Palm Cafe candy for each boy.

"It was a fine dinner" was the comment of the boys. They were filled to capacity for once in their lives. And straightway they started running around the place to settle it down. Promptly at 2:30 the special cars arrived to take the boys back to town. A vote was taken on football or moving pictures. The management of the Punahou-Town football game had invited the boys to attend the game, and Manager McGreer had invited them to the Liberty theatre for the afternoon. Eleven voted for football and the other one hundred and thirty-nine voted for moving pictures. So manager McGreer got the biggest part of the crowd. The boys left the cars at the corner of Hotel and Nuanu streets, and spent the remainder of the afternoon watching the movies.

They may be a little bit hoarse, but they are ready for business this afternoon.

Despite the warnings issued on numerous occasions recently by the board of harbor commissioners, vessels plying in Honolulu harbor have

persisted in rushing to and fro at such rates of speed that their wash has done serious damage to smaller craft and to piers, and at its meeting Wednesday the board finally laid down a flat ruling which is to be enforced rigidly by the harbor master.

Hereafter the speed rate inside the outer channel buoy for steamships and tow boats shall be four miles and hour; for sampans, gasoline and steam launches and motor boats, not more than five miles an hour, and vessels testing their engines shall not run them at greater speed than ordinarily under slow bell. In instances under the latter head, captains shall notify nearby craft of his intention and shall

be responsible for damages caused other vessels and piers.

ELKS' MEMORIAL DAY AT OPERA HOUSE SUNDAY

In the annual observance of Elks' memorial day, special services will be held by Honolulu Lodge No. 618, B. P. O. E., at the Hawaiian opera house on the afternoon of Dec. 1. The services will commence at 3 o'clock and invitations have been issued to the members of the lodge and their friends.

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